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**“BERNER FOOD & BEVERAGE ANNOUNCES NEW CCO”**  
**Kirby J. Harris Joins as Chief Commercial Officer**

**Dakota, Illinois** – (February 1, 2018) - Bernier Food and Beverage LLC, a leading private label and contract manufacturing supplier of quality food and beverage products, announced the appointment of Kirby J. Harris as the company’s new Chief Commercial Officer (CCO).

Kurt Seagrist, Chief Executive Officer, Bernier said, “As we continue to expand our position as a leading supplier serving the food and beverage industry, it was critical for us to further expand our organization’s commercial management. We are excited to have Kirby Harris join us in this new role at Bernier and are confident that his leadership in the industry at leading packaged goods companies will be a huge asset to the Bernier organization and our valued customer partners.”

As CCO, Harris will lead Bernier’s commercial organization and ensure that key departments such as Commercial Organization, Marketing, Research and Development, and Customer Service collaborate together as Bernier strives to meet and exceed operational excellence with flexible, tailored solutions for all customers.

Harris has extensive co-manufacturing and project management experience. He joins Bernier from CSM Bakery Solutions where he was Vice President of North American Sales and also spent several years as Vice President of Trade. Prior to that, Harris served as Senior Director for Shearer Foods, spent six years at Wrigley and ten years at Hershey. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in education from Graceland University and a Master of Business Administration from Robert Morris University.

For more information on Bernier Food & Beverage, please visit [www.bernerfoods.com](http://www.bernerfoods.com).

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**About Bernier Food & Beverage** Bernier Food & Beverage, is a leading private label supplier of quality food and beverage products, to a majority of the top retail chains across all trade channels. They provide a single source of supply for both Store Brand products and Contract Manufacturing. Their recent 200,000 sq. ft. production and warehouse addition increases capabilities, making Bernier Food & Beverage a single source partner for food and beverages including processed dips, sauces, aerosol cheese, RTD coffees and teas. Their facilities are USDA approved, SQF2000 Level III, HACCP certified, and meet the demanding standards of virtually every major retailer in North America.